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INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting held in Director's  
Conference Room, Administration Building  
Central Intelligence Agency, on 27 September 1951

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Mr. Allen W. Dulles  
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Jr., Special Assistant, Intelligence,  
Department of State  
Brigadier General John Weckerling, acting for the Assistant  
Chief of Staff, G-2, Department of the Army  
Rear Admiral Felix L. Johnson, Director of Naval Intelligence,  
Department of the Navy  
Major General Charles P. Cabell, Director of Intelligence,  
Headquarters, United States Air Force  
Dr. Walter F. Colby, Director of Intelligence, Atomic Energy  
Commission  
Brigadier General Richard C. Partridge, Deputy Director for  
Intelligence, The Joint Staff  
Mr. Meffert W. Kuhrtz, acting for Assistant to the Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. William L. Langer, Central Intelligence Agency  
Dr. H. M. Chadwell, Central Intelligence Agency  
Mr. Sherman Kent, Central Intelligence Agency  
\*Mr. Ludwell L. Montague, Central Intelligence Agency  
Mr. Loftus Becker, Central Intelligence Agency  
Colonel W. K. Benson, Jr., Central Intelligence Agency  
Mr. Ray Cline, Central Intelligence Agency  
Mr. Paul Borel, Central Intelligence Agency  
Mr. Allen Dines, Central Intelligence Agency  
Mr. Mose L. Harvey, Department of State  
Colonel O. B. Sykes, Department of the Army  
Colonel John F. Schmelzer, Department of the Army  
Captain Ray Malpass, Department of the Navy  
Colonel J. F. Pinkney, Department of the Air Force  
Colonel S. M. Lansing, The Joint Staff

James Q. Reber  
Secretary  
Intelligence Advisory Committee

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Approval of Minutes

1. Action: The minutes of the meeting of 20 September 1951 (IAC-M-45) were approved subject to deletion of Mr. Dulles' name from among those present.

released in E.O. review E 83-0221 (DEC)  
SE 15 (4 Oct 51)

Psychological Impact of a  
U.S. Air Offensive Against  
the USSR. (SE-15)

2. Action: This estimate was approved subject to the deletion of all but the first sentence of the problem and all of the conclusions including Footnote 1. CIA will work into the text the idea that the evidence available to us deals with conventional not atomic bombing and with the reaction of the Germans, Japanese and British rather than the Slavic peoples.

Proposed NIE: Likelihood  
of the USSR Deliberately  
Initiating War During 1952.  
(IAC-D-36)

possibly NIE 48 (8 Jan 52)  
Likelihood of the Deliberate Initiation  
of Full Scale War by the USSR  
DEC in E 83-0221

3. Action: It was agreed to schedule an estimate on this subject, it being understood that it may be difficult or impossible to reach agreement as to the conclusions.

released in E.O. review E 90-0165 (SAR)  
SE 13 (24 Sep 51)

Appendix A to Review of NSC 68  
Programs: Probable Developments  
in the World Situation Through  
Mid-1953. (SE-13)

4. Action: The proposed revision of Paragraph 2b was approved. It was agreed that the qualifying footnote should not be deleted but that it should begin with some such wording as:

"The following factors must be considered in connection with the above estimate of Soviet atomic capabilities."

Handling of NATO Requests  
for Combined Estimates on  
Soviet Economic, Political  
and Military Capabilities  
and Intentions

5. Discussion: As a result of the Ottawa Conference and the desire of the smaller NATO nations to get a more adequate appreciation of the current international dangers, the NATO Standing Group is

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required to prepare an estimate on Soviet military and ~~possibly~~ political and economic capabilities, ~~and intentions~~. Thus far the JCS has considered that since responsibility for U. S. support for the NATO Standing Group rests in the Defense Department, its intelligence support should be produced by the JIC securing whatever aid necessary from the State Department and CIA. Admiral Johnson and General Cabell spoke of the burden on their own personnel which this entails and raised the possibility of attaching an estimating staff to the U. S. member of the intelligence committee of the NATO Standing Group in order to relieve their own Departments of this burden.

6. Mr. Dulles raised three questions with regard to this problem:

a. He was greatly concerned regarding the security hazards in providing U. S. contributions to an international estimate. Apart from the importance of the case itself, it might become a dangerous precedent.

b. He was concerned that the JIC procedure for arriving at a U. S. intelligence contribution to the NATO intelligence committee was not in keeping with existing responsibilities of the CIA and would in fact operate to the detriment of the IAC as the accepted and effective body for delivering coordinated U. S. intelligence estimates of national significance.\*

c. He was also concerned regarding the advisability of establishing a separate group of estimators to be attached to the U. S. member of the intelligence committee of the Standing Group.

These matters will have to be looked into very carefully he believed. Admiral Johnson and General Partridge undertook to discuss the second point immediately with the Joint Staff in order that the U. S. work\* could proceed pending approval of arrangements for international cooperation.

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\*Since the meeting it has been agreed that the IAC mechanism will be used to produce this estimate.

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